



**State of New Hampshire**  
**DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES**

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**LETTER OF DEFICIENCY**

No. WD SS 2002-1

January 7, 2002

Ms. Maureen Harris  
Pine Ridge Estates Mobile Home Park  
14 Dogwood Terrace  
Loudon, NH 03307

**RE: Failed effluent disposal system at 15 Dogwood Terrace, Pine Ridge Estates MHP**

Dear Ms. Harris:

On January 4, 2002, personnel from the Department of Environmental Services received notice that an effluent disposal field located at #15 Dogwood Terrace had failed. Staff from the Subsurface Systems Bureau, Water Division ("DES") conducted an inspection of the property identified as Lot # 8, on Tax Map # 10, located in the Pine Ridge Estates Mobile Home Park, NH ("the Property"). The purpose of this inspection was to determine whether you were in compliance with RSA 485-A and rules promulgated pursuant thereto relative to subdivision and septic systems.

As a result of the inspection, the following deficiency was noted

1. The septic system serving the residence at 15 Dogwood Terrace and other homes in the vicinity had failed and was discharging sewage to the ground surface. The sewage had frozen and had created an ice flow that was being used by children as a play area to slide on.

Failure of a septic system constitutes a nuisance and public health hazard and also violates RSA 147:8, 10, 17-a and RSA 485-A:37.

DES expects this deficiency to be permanently corrected within 10 days by initiating and completing the following measures:

Engage a permitted septic system designer to prepare and submit septic system plans and specifications to DES.

2. Obtain approval from the Subsurface Systems Bureau, DES to construct the system.
3. Hire a licensed septic system installer to construct the replacement system.
4. Obtain operational approval from DES to cover and use the system.
5. Operate and maintain the system in accordance with NH Administrative Rule Env-Ws 1023.

**During interim between receipt of this letter and the date by which permanent corrections have been completed, as an alternative to vacating the premises, DES expects that collected sewage will be pumped and disposed in accordance with NH Administrative Rule Env-Ws 800 at sufficient frequent intervals to prevent further overflow. If this alternative is utilized, it is advised that pumping receipts be retained.**

DES also expects that a report describing the corrective measures to be taken and the time by which the measures will be taken be submitted within 3 days of receipt of this letter. DES understands that you have retained Mr. Matt Moore to prepare a replacement septic design. Please have Mr. Moore contact this office to discuss his progress on this design.

In the event compliance is not achieved within this period, DES intends taking further action against you including issuing an order requiring the deficiencies to be corrected, initiating an administrative fine proceeding, and/or referring the matter to the New Hampshire Department of Justice for imposition of civil and/or criminal penalties.

A written report as requested above should be addressed as follows:

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Should you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Mr. Baas at 271-3501.

Sincerely,

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Administrator  
Subsurface Systems Bureau

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